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### IDAHO CATTLE NUMBERS UP 3 PERCENT

Idaho cattle and calf inventory totaled 2.18 million head as of January 1, 2007, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 3 percent from the 2.11 million head in the State on January 1, 2006. There were 473,000 beef cows, up slightly, and 502,000 milk cows, up 6 percent, on hand at the beginning of the year. The number of beef replacement heifers, at 105,000, was up 17 percent and heifers for milk cow replacement, at 260,000, were up 4 percent. Statewide, there were 305,000 steers over 500 pounds, 35,000 bulls over 500 pounds and 300,000 calves under 500 pounds on January 1. The 2006 calf crop totaled 930,000 head, up 3 percent from the calf crop of 2005.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2007, totaled 97.0 million head, slightly above the 96.7 million on January 1, 2006. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.0 million, were down slightly from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2006. Beef cows, at 32.9 million, were down slightly from January 1, 2006. Milk cows, at 9.13 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2006. All heifers, 500 pounds and over, at 20.1 million, were up 1 percent. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.88 million head, were down slightly and milk replacement heifers, at 4.31 million, were up 1 percent. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 17.2 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 2006 calf crop estimated at 37.6 million head, was down slightly from 2005. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, up slightly from 2005.

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